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DGS to Install Fence around Lee Monument to Prepare Site for Statue Removal

Richmond, VA – The Department of General Services today will install fencing around the Lee Monument grounds to ensure the safety of visitors and workers as part of DGS's plan to prepare the site for the removal of the Lee statue. As we await the resolution of legal challenges that have delayed the statue's removal, DGS wants to be prepared to act quickly upon a final determination. The fencing is not intended to be permanent.

Abandoned personal items were removed from the site. All memorials on the grounds will remain until the statue is removed. At that time, DGS will remove memorials and store them with care until a decision is made as to their disposition.

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